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Education Committee Hears Bill Regarding Student Privacy, Safety in Schools

Madison, WI – Today, the Assembly Education Committee held a hearing on Assembly Bill 469, a bill that would clarify bathroom and locker room usage based on biological sex in state public schools. The bill would provide a single, statewide base policy for all school districts to use when determining which students may use sex-specific facilities. At the conclusion of the hearing, Rep. Kremer issued the following statement:

"In light of recent federal Department of Education lawsuits around the country, I believe that it is imperative for Wisconsin to have a clear, statewide policy so that our children are protected and respected in the most vulnerable and private places in our schools – locker rooms and bathrooms. Some of these federal attacks on schools and students have gone to the extreme - claiming discrimination unless one sex is allowed to change or shower in a locker room in plain view of the opposite sex. This policy simply allows a parent or guardian to petition a school board, quietly and privately, on behalf of their child to request an alternate accommodation if their child is not comfortable using the facilities of their birth sex. I believe that a singular, state-wide policy is the best way to ensure a consistently safe learning environment where a balance of dignity and privacy for all students is respected."

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